

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT**

IT&C Department – Policy and Guidelines for provision of mobile communication facility to State Government and Local Government officials – 2009 – Orders – Issued.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT
(Communications Wing)**

G.O. Rt. No.234

Dated: 25.07.2009

Read the following:

1. Circular No.741/IT&C/2003, Dated 13.11.2003.
2. Circular No.1466/IT&C/2003, Dated 23.12.2003.
3. Circular No.277/IT&C/2004, Dated 12.02.2004
4. Circular No.939/IT&C/2004, Dated 07.06.2004
5. G.O.Rt.No.371, IT&C Department, dated 24.09.2004.
6. G.O.Rt.No.194, IT&C Department, dated 20.06.2007
7. G.O.Rt.No.291, IT&C Department, dated 27.09.2007
8. G.O.Rt.No.201, IT&C Department, dated 13.06.2008
9. G.O.Rt.No.19, IT&C Department, dated 02.08.2008

O R D E R:

Government have decided to provide cellular phones to eligible State and Local Government officials, requiring mobile Tele-services, to ensure effective communication, increased access and accountability. Vide circulars 1st to 3rd read above, IT&C Department identified through APTS Ltd., four Closed User Groups (CUG), based on tariff, service and coverage in the State and provided more than 14000 cell phones to identified officials. IT&C Department with a view to streamline the provision of cell phones has defined the Guidelines for issue of cell phones to all eligible State and Local Government officials, vide reference 5th above, which also gives the tariff and rentals of four Closed User Groups for GoAP. IT&C Department has identified and empanelled Service Providers with Revised CUG Tariffs and rentals vide G.Os 6th, 7th and 8th read above from time to time which were valid for one year as mobile phone tariffs were coming down in time.

2. In order to provide the policy and guidelines issued through GOs vide reference 3rd to 8th read above from time to time at one place they are given below:

a) Three categories are defined as below:

Category I: Includes HOD's, Secretaries and above, equivalent rank.
Category II: Includes Deputy Secretaries and above, equivalent rank.
Category III: Includes all the gazetted officers.

HOD to identify officials requiring mobile tele-services to ensure increased access and accountability.

- b) Handsets – For the officers in category-I, the cost of handset is limited to a maximum of Rs.12,000/- and for category-II and III cost of handsets limited to Rs.3,000/-.
- c) Recurring charges ceiling for Category-I is Rs.2,000/- per month (inclusive of rental) for Category-II Rs.1,375/- per month and for Category-III Rs.625/- per month.
- d) IT&C Department is now not providing cell phones to any department. New requirements as identified by HOD can be met by choosing any one of the empanelled service providers as per the tariff plan given below. The cost of cell phones and recurring charges have to be borne by the concerned department from their utility funds only. Any GoAP connection if existing on different tariff plans and service providers other than empanelled they have to migrate to empanelled service providers only to take advantage of the low tariff and facilities.
- e) For replacement of lost or old handsets, it is advised that handset replacement can be done in case of theft, as per existing Government procedures for theft cases. Further handset replacement can be considered in case of wear and tear once in three years.
- f) All the authorized users of Mobile Phones can make use of additional/new technologies on Mobile Phones like GPRS, EDGE etc., subject to the ceiling fixed for usage of Mobile Phones by the Government from time to time.

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3. In view of Service Providers providing mobile communications in the State offering competitive prices for rentals and CUG calls, IT&C Department has now identified and empanelled the Service Providers providing the following Closed User Groups for GoAP, with special tariff and rental as given below:

	Tariff Plan (Pulse 60 Sec)		Empanelled Service Providers
1.	Monthly Rental Charges	Rs. 99/-	
2.	LOCAL CALLS (With in AP Circle)		
(a)	Outgoing within group	Free	
(b)	Outgoing outside group (Rs./Min.)		
(i)	To own network mobile	0.25	
(ii)	To other network mobile	0.45	
(iii)	To fixed line phones	0.90	
3.	STD Outside Circle		
(a)	To any mobile	1.00	
(b)	To any fixed line phones	1.00	
4.	SMS		
(a)	Local	0.25	
(b)	National	1.00	
(c)	International	5.00	
5.	National Roaming Rental	FREE	
6.	National Roaming Charges	As per TRAI guidelines from time to time	
7.	Itemized bills	FREE	

4. This G.O. supersedes all the previous GO's issued vide reference 3rd to 8th read above and would be valid for two years with effect from 01.08.2009. All existing CUGs of the departments have to be migrated to the empanelled service providers as per the terms and conditions given from paras 2 to 3 given above.

5. This order does not require the concurrence of Finance Department.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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